

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 025146
ORIGIN L-03

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 OES-07 INR-07 ACDA-12
AGRE-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CEQ-01 CG-00 CIAE-00
COME-00 DLOS-09 DODE-00 DOTE-00 EB-08 EPA-01
SOE-02 DOE-11 FMC-01 TRSE-00 H-01 INT-05 IO-13
JUSE-00 NSAE-00 NSC-05 NSF-01 OMB-01 PA-01 PM-05
PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /135 R

DRAFTED BY L/OES/DACOLSON:SCH
APPROVED BY L - MR. FELDMAN
OES/OFA/OA - MS. BARNES
OES/OFA/FA - MR. MONKS
ARA/CAR - MR. DE SANTILLANA
INR/RGE - MR. SMITH
-----102727 311806Z /47

P 311644Z JAN 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 025146

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, PLOS, EFIS, DR

SUBJECT: U.S.-DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MARITIME BOUNDARIES

REF: (A) SANTO DOMINGO 488; (B) STATE 301513

1) DEPT HAS PREPARED AND IS CIRCULATING INTERAGENCY MARI-
TIME BOUNDARY POSITION PAPER WHICH WOULD MODIFY U.S. EQUIDIS-
TANCE POSITION AND ALLOW NEGOTIATOR TO AGREE TO MARITIME
BOUNDARY WHICH WOULD BRING CABO ENGANO BANK UNDER DOMINI-
CAN RESOURCE JURISDICTION WHILE RECEIVING CONCESSIONS FROM
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN AREAS NORTH AND SOUTH OF MARI-
TIME BOUNDARY AREA, AND A FISHERY AGREEMENT IN PUERTO RICO'S
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 025146

INTEREST. ESSENCE OF THIS POSITION IS FLEXIBILITY. NO SPE-
CIFIC GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES ARE MENTIONED IN THE POSITION
PAPER NOW CIRCULATING. WITHIN THIS POSITION, NEGOTIATOR
COULD ACCEPT DOMINICAN LINE OR OTHER LINE ACCOMPLISHING THE
GENERAL POSITION.

2) DEPT NOTES THAT THE LINE DESCRIBED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUB-

LIC LEGISLATION CUTS ACROSS THE EDGE OF CABO ENGANO BANK AND DOES NOT BRING ENTIRETY OF BANK UNDER DR JURISDICTION. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT BELIEVES DR MIGHT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT MODIFICATION OF ITS LEGISLATIVE LINE IN THIS AREA SO ENTIRETY OF BANK WOULD BE ON DR SIDE OF THE LINE. SECONDLY, DEPT. NOTES THAT COORDINATES OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC -- COLOMBIA MARITIME BOUNDARY DO NOT IN ALL CASES CORRESPOND TO GODR COORDINATES ESTABLISHED IN ITS LEGISLATION. THEREFORE, PROCEDURAL PROBLEM RAISED BY GODR CONCERNING CHANGING THE LEGISLATIVE COORDINATES DOES NOT SEEM TO BE MAJOR HURDLE. ALSO, DEPT NOTES THAT THE PROCEDURAL PROBLEM OF CHANGING DR LEGISLATION WAS RAISED IN THE CONTEXT OF CONSIDERATION OF A PROVISIONAL MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENT BY WAY OF AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES. GODR EXPRESSED THAT IT COULD NOT ENTER SUCH AN AGREEMENT WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES. HOWEVER, SINCE WE ARE NOW CONTEMPLATING A MARITIME BOUNDARY AND FISHERY TREATY, CHANGES IN GODR LEGISLATION BY WAY OF A TREATY COULD SEEMINGLY OCCUR WITHOUT PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES.

3) DEPT BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE VERY USEFUL FOR AMBASSADOR TO RAISE MARITIME BOUNDARY AND FISHERY ISSUES WITH ACTING GOVERNOR PANIAGUA DURING VISIT FEBRUARY 6 AND 7. DEPT BELIEVES THAT ACTING GOVERNOR'S CONCURRENCE SHOULD BE SOUGHT IN GENERAL TERMS FOR USG POSITION AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1, RATHER THAN SEEKING SPECIFIC ACCEPTANCE OF DR LINE. DEPT HAS HAD SOME SOUNDINGS FROM PUERTO RICAN CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 025146

OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON THAT PANIAGUA'S INITIAL REACTION TO CHANGING EQUIDISTANCE POSITION WERE NEGATIVE, BUT THAT THIS WAS NOT A FIRM POSITION AND THAT HE WAS TAKING IT UNDER ADVISEMENT AND CONSULTING WITH PUERTO RICAN RESOURCE OFFICIALS. VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FISHING AGREEMENTS, WATER BOUNDARIES, POLITICAL CONCESSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE025146
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: SCH
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780046-0444
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978012/aaaaabku.tel
Line Count: 99
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 813e09e0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN L
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 SANTO DOMINGO 488, 78 STATE 301513
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 jul 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3709748
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: U.S.-DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MARITIME BOUNDARIES
TAGS: PBOR, PLOS, EFIS, DR, US
To: SANTO DOMINGO
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/813e09e0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014